

Critical-Self Assessment

Survival Level	Maintenance Level	Enhancement Level
I think mainly on the knowledge level and generally accept the truth of others' ideas and opinions.	I am beginning to analyze and evaluate my own ideas and those of others at times.	I am an independent thinker who always analyzes and evaluates my own ideas and those of others.
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I am unaware of the thinking strategies I employ and select strategies in an almost random trial-and-error fashion.	I am becoming aware of the thinking strategies I use and I'm gaining some conscious control over those I select.	I am fully aware of the variety of thinking strategies at my disposal and consciously select those which are most likely to be effective in a particular situation.
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I analyze problems and situations only on a superficial level, if at all, and do not enjoy complex situations.	I am becoming skilled at analyzing problems and situations at greater levels of depth and complexity.	I routinely analyze situations at great levels of depth and enjoy the challenge of sorting out the components of highly-complex problems.
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I select from among alternatives in an arbitrary manner and cannot defend my choices logically.	I am beginning to evaluate alternatives and make my selections based on logic.	I commonly evaluate alternatives and make selections based upon logically defensible principles.
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When my ideas are challenged by others, I frequently become emotional and cannot present convincing arguments and evidence to support them.	When others challenge my ideas, I usually do not become too upset and am usually able to defend my opinions reasonably well through evidence and logic.	When my ideas are challenged by others, I remain calm and have no difficulty presenting logical arguments and plenty of evidence to defend them.
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I ask few questions and those questions I do ask are primarily to gain clarification when I do not understand what the other person is saying.	I am beginning to critically consider the statements made by others and to ask them about their support for their claims.	I usually seek additional clarification and documentation from those who present information to me, due to my customary critical thinking style when I listen or read.
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I believe all that I hear or read from trusted sources and reject all that is presented to me by sources deemed unreliable.	I am beginning to question claims made by trusted sources and to consider the potential validity of claims made by "unreliable" sources.	I evaluate all I hear and read considering the reasonableness of each statement and the authority and motive of each source.
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I am more successful on objective tests, like multiple choice and true/false, where there is a correct answer that I know or can memorize.	I am developing the thinking and communication skills necessary to perform well on assessments requiring higher levels of thinking.	I am successful with all kinds of tests, including performance assessments which require the analysis and evaluation of complex problems and sets of data.
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My strengths in terms of my critical self include:

Aspects of my critical self which show opportunity for further growth include:

My general thoughts and feelings about my critical self are: